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Sorin, Chris Ubing, Dan Wray

Denver Astronomical Society Executive Board Meeting Agenda

August 3, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Call to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll call

Present: Jack Eastman, Chris Ubing, Joe Gafford, Dena McClung, Ed Ladner, Ed Scholes, Scott Perrin, Sorin, Julie Candia;

Guests: Jele Unsoy, Mehmet Unsoy, Ivan Geisler & Tootsie, Zachary Singer, Eileen and Johnny Barela

Absent: Ron Hranac, Lindsey Shaw, Dan Wray

Certify a quorum (Seven E-Board officers/members shall constitute a quorum)

Nine present; quorum achieved

Review and approve previous E-Board meeting minutes

Minutes corrected 5144: replaced friction with difficulties

[I don't know what this refers to, but here it is!]

Notes on regularly occurring bills: Century link \$55/mo, PO box \$88/year, Dark Site \$600/year

Minutes approved.

Additions to agenda - none

Chamberlin business and DAS Treasurer's report

Chamberlin Observatory business

Dr. Bob's email was read.

DAS Treasurer's report

Allocation of cash balances:

Scott was unaware of the VNH investment account; research will be done to locate the institution and account information. This has never been tracked by the DAS treasurer or chair. Need to check with Brad Gilman and Tim Pimentel.

Tracking for that fund needs to be established.

Scott will subdivide DAS funds from VNH funds.

Moving available funds into a Money Market or other interest-bearing vehicle is a goal Scott has once all funds are located and other funds mature.

A motion was made by Ed Scholes to: Move \$30,000 into an interest-bearing instrument with more security, at the treasurer's discretion, until the e-board decides how it is to be used. It was seconded by Jack Eastman and passed.

Sorin: A strategic plan for the organization has to be considered before decisions can be made regarding how the club's funds are spent.

Future Business item: Develop a strategic plan for the club's future. Have it approved by members at the annual meeting. Have special e-board meetings dedicated to this planning; invite membership to these meetings.

Old business

Membership management software/services update:

Dena and Ed Ladner reported on the ad hoc committee's recent progress. Mehmet stated that once a member has signed in, they should not see the "Join the DAS" messages. Explanations were made and issues were discussed.

The Denver Observer (survey, etc.):

The survey will be on the DAS e-board listserve tomorrow. If there is no feedback, it will go out to the membership on Friday August 10.

Holiday party update:

Everything is on track for December 16. Need to begin telling people "Save the Date" now. Need to start reservations November 1. Mehmet: Why is attendance so low compared to our overall membership numbers. Meeting space for monthly meetings is problematic. Ed will ask Darrell to begin sending info soon. He will also communicate with Lindsey regarding a speaker for the banquet.

2019 calendar (Joe):

Paper calendars handed out. Review on your own and advise Joe if you find issues. Joe will talk to Dr. Bob about the January 20, 2019 lunar eclipse.

Loaner program accessories request (Ed S.):

Table/Placeholder

DAS assets: security and oversight recommendations

Bonding individuals (or positions) with bank account signing authority:

Waiting for information from the insurance company. The bonding information previously sought would not have given us what we needed.

Insurance coverage (need to double coverage per last meeting):

Ron and Ed will execute this decision.

DAS and third-party businesses (placeholder):



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SWOT analysis priorities (placeholder):

Insurance and risks have been acted on. Strategic plan may fall under this category.

DAS shirts:

Needs to contact Dan's jacket company to see if we can get the vector file from them. Julie is looking at options with other companies.

DAS brochure holders for Chamberlin (Sorin):

No action.

Observatory stickers/cards for kids:

Eileen getting stickers from school supply shop, will send request for reimbursement to treasurer.

New business

Request from MSU for dark site collaboration:

Incorporate into strategic planning discussion. Many factors would need to be resolved. We need to let them know that we are interested but cannot make an immediate decision.

Next E-Board meeting

Friday, September 28, 2018

Adjourn meeting – 9:05 p.m.